

1 A Washerman's Donkey

What have I understood ?

True or False

1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. False 6. True

Questions and Answers

1. The donkey carried a heavy load of clothes for the washerman everyday and the dog guarded his house day and night.
2. The washerman was not taking good care of the dog because it was old and it was not active and alert as it used to be.
3. The dog did not bark when a thief entered his master's house because his master neglected him.
4. When the donkey realized that the dog was not doing his duty, it started braying to alert the master about the thief. When the washerman heard his donkey braying, he was angry because his sleep was disturbed. He came out and beat it with a stick and the donkey died instantly.
5. The moral of the story is we should never neglect old people.

My Grammar

1. had don't have
2. had doesn't have
3. has
4. didn't have
5. don't have

I Write Like This

I, along with my parents and other family members, went on a trip to Ooty and Kodaikanal during the summer vacation. As they are hill stations, the weather was pleasant and we enjoyed a lot. We did a lot of shopping. My father bought me a bicycle and some clothes and I liked them very much. My father also bought some comic books and story books for us. After returning from the trip I read those books all during the remaining period of the vacation.

I Speak Like This

I wonder if you could lend me a pen ?

I wonder if I could borrow a dictionary from you ?

② Why I went Late to school !

What have I understood ?

True or False

1. True 2. False 3. True 4. True 5. True

Questions and Answers

1. The boy went to bed late because he had watched a funny movie.
2. The boy burnt his tongue because he drank hot milk.
3. The boy didn't find his belt because he was trying to do everything in a hurry.
4. I think the teachers will punish the boy because he was late for school.

My Grammar

- i)**
1. good well
 2. good well
 3. well
 4. good
 5. well
- ii)**
1. Mallesh is a hard worker.
 2. She is a fast speaker.
 3. Preeti is a good dancer.
 4. Tina is a good story writer.
 5. They are fast workers.

I Write Like This

Sir,

I am going to Hyderabad tomorrow with my parents to attend my uncle's wedding. So I cannot come to school tomorrow. Kindly grant me leave for tomorrow.

Yours faithfully,

x x x.

3 Dr. Gulliver

What have I understood ?

True or False

1. False 2. True 3. True 4. False 5. True

Questions and Answers

1. Dr. Gulliver loved sailing. He wanted to go to distant lands and see different people and things.
2. When he woke up Dr. Gulliver found himself on a shore. He was tied down. So he could not move. He found tiny people moving on his body.
3. Gulliver smiled at everyone and was friendly with everyone. Lilliputians liked to dance on his body and play with him. They removed Gulliver's chains when they were confident that he would not harm them.
4. Gulliver helped the Lilliputians in their war against its enemy kingdom, Blefuscu. He frightened the Blefuscuans with

his loud voice and size. He also helped the people of Blefuscu and Lilliputians to become friends.

5. One day Gulliver saw a real boat on the beach. He thanked the Blefuscuans and the Lilliputians and set out for London. He was given a grand farewell and the Emperor gave him live cows as a gift. Gulliver sailed back to London.

My Grammar

1. I completed my homework but forgot the book at home.
2. My mother cooked a vegetable curry but she forgot to put salt in it.
3. There were no clouds in the sky but it rained in the evening.
4. Our TV broke down yesterday but I watched a cartoon movie on TV in my friend's house.
5. My mother was not well yesterday but she went to work.

I Write Like This

Dr. Gulliver was fond of going to distant lands and meeting new people. Once his boat was caught in a storm and sank. He fell into the stormy sea and tried to swim but he couldn't. When he woke up he found himself on a shore. He tried to move but couldn't because he was tied down. He looked at his body and saw tiny people moving on his hands, legs and chest. He tried to free himself when the little men began shooting arrows at him. After sometime Gulliver heard

the voice of the king of the little kingdom. He could not understand the language but nodded his head to whatever the king said. The king felt happy and gave Gulliver some food to eat. Gulliver later learnt that he was in a kingdom called Lilliput and the tiny people were known as Lilliputians. The Lilliputians like playing with Gulliver. They danced on his hands and legs and played hide and seek in his hair.

One day the king of Lilliput asked Gulliver to help his kingdom in its war against its enemy kingdom, Blefuscu. He saw the enemy's ships approaching the Lilliput kingdom. He dived into the water and swam towards the ships. As the ships approached him, he rose out of the sea and frightened the Blefuscuans with his loud voice and size. The enemy soldiers swam back in fear.

4 New Telephone

What have I understood ?

True or False

1. True 2. False 3. True 4. True 5. False

Questions and Answers

1. You can move your fixed wireless telephone from one room to another or from one house to another. You can use your telephone even in your car. It can be operated on batteries.
2. We should not use the telephone in places where cell phones are banned.

3. We should not place the instrument : (a) in dusty and dirty places, (b) in ill ventilated places, (c) too close to the radio or the TV.
4. When we handle the telephone roughly, its internal parts can be broken.
5. When we experience problems in using the telephone, we should take it to the nearest authorized service agent.

My Grammar

1. Avoid keeping the instrument in dirty and dusty places.
2. Avoid touching the instrument with wet hands.
3. Avoid placing the instrument in ill ventilated places.
4. Avoid holding the antenna of the instrument when using it.
5. Avoid washing the instrument with water.

I Write Like This

1. Do not keep the car in dirty and dusty places.
2. Do not touch the remote with wet hands.
3. Do not immerse the car in water.
4. Don't press the buttons of remote frequently.
5. Don't drop it from a height.
6. Don't remove the batteries from the remote.
7. Don't pull the wire attached to the remote.
8. Don't bring the car in contact with any electrical devices.
9. Don't press the car too strongly while playing with it.

5 The Adventure of Goldilocks

What have I understood ?

True or False

1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. False

Questions and Answers

1. Her parents called her Goldilocks because she had golden, curly hair.
2. Goldilocks mother always told her not to go into the forest.
3. Goldilocks saw big dark trees and beautiful birds on the trees. She also saw butterflies and a squirrel in the forest.
4. Goldilocks saw a cottage when she lost her way.
5. Goldilocks saw porridge on the dining table. She liked porridge and was also hungry. So she ate the porridge in the small bowl and slept on the bed.
6. Goldilocks ate the child bear's porridge because it was warm and appetizing.
7. The father bear saw the thief. The child bear said she's the one who had eaten its porridge.

My Grammar

1. eaten 2. seen 3. gone 4. done 5. hidden
6. forgotten 7. driven 8. bitten 9. blown 10. given

I Write like this

My favourite TV programme is 'Panchatantram'. It telecast on Eenadu Television every Sunday from 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. I like this programme because it is made of puppet characters. Their movements on the screen cause amusement to me. The programme contains interesting stories which also teach morals. Because of these reasons I like this programme very much.

6 What does Little Birdie Say ?

What have I understood ?

True or False

1. False 2. True 3. True 4. True 5. True

Some New Words

A. Rhyming words

say	day
nest	rest
peep	sleep

My Grammar

- A. 1. a few 2. a little 3. a few 4. a few
5. a little 6. a few 7. a few 8. a little
- B. 1. Allow me to take a rest.

2. Allow him to go home.
3. Allow me to close the window.
4. Allow me to search for my pen.
5. Allow me to help her to cross the road.

I Write Like This

My father says :

You should go to school because your unit test is approaching. You will lose lessons and so you will not be able to write well in the test. You will not get first rank also. All other children will laugh at you if you don't keep the first rank. So be a good boy and go to school, dear ! I will take you to the zoo tomorrow, okay my dear !

My mother says :

You should not play in the hot sun because you will suffer a sunstroke. When you suffer a sunstroke, you will not be able to eat anything. And so you will become weak. You may suffer from fever and vomitings also. So be a good boy and don't go out to play in the hot sun, dear !

7 Amphibians

What have I understood ?

True or False

1. True 2. False 3. True 4. True 5. False 6. True

Questions and Answers:

1. The amphibians first appeared on the earth about 350 million years ago.
2. Some of the reasons for the decline in the number of amphibians are : (a) drought, (b) pollution and (c) hunting.
3. If all the amphibians die, the world may soon become an unsafe place to live for all the other animals.
4. Amphibians are called tough survivors because they have been on this earth for 350 million years.
5. In order to make our place a safe place to live on, we should take steps to control pollution of our environment.

My Grammar

1. Cows are animals which give us milk.
2. A computer is an instrument which makes our work easier.
3. Eagles are birds which fly very high.
4. A thermometer is an instrument which measures body temperature.
5. A water can is a container which holds water.

I Write Like This

Take an empty earthen pot. Fill it with soil. Then remove soil from the middle. Take a seed and press it into the soft earth. Pour some water. Observe after some days. You can see a plant growing from the pot. This shows water is necessary for growing plants.

8 Mother Teresa

What have I understood ?

Give the Correct Order:

5, 3, 2, 1, 6, 4, 7

Questions and Answers

1. Mother Teresa's original name was Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu.
2. Mother Teresa was born on 27 August, 1910 in Albania.
3. Mother Teresa came to India along with Christian Missionaries as a teacher.
4. Mother Teresa's aim was to help the poor, the sick and the needy.
5. Some of the institutions established by Mother Teresa were :
Nirmal Hriday and Sishu Bhavan.
6. Mother Teresa received many awards. Some of them are :
Raman Magsaysay Award, Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Peace, Nobel Peace Prize and Bharat Ratna.
7. Mother Teresa was known as "The Florence Nightingale of India".

8. Mother Teresa passed away in September 1997.

My Grammar

1. on On 2. on 3. on at 4. on In 5. On

I Write Like This

Guru Nanak was born on 15 April, 1469 at Talwandi, near Lahore in Pakistan. His mother was Tripta Devi and father was Kaluchand. Guru Nanak knew Hindi, Persian, Punjabi and Sanskrit languages. He helped poor people and the needy. He believed that there was only one God. He taught people to lead good and honest lives.

9 Rip Van Winkle

What have I understood ?

True or False

1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True

Questions and Answers

1. Rip Van Winkle lived in the Catskill Mountains near Hudson River.
2. The people in his village liked Rip Van Winkle very much because he was a friendly man and was always willing to help them.
3. Children always wanted Rip Van Winkle to play with them and he always agreed to their request.
4. Rip Van Winkle liked outdoor life very much. He liked fishing and hunting squirrels.
5. One day Rip Van Winkle along with his Wolf went out for a long walk and reached the highest mountains. There he met a little man. The little man requested Rip Van Winkle to help him carry a barrel. Rip Van Winkle carried the barrel to the little man's place. The little man asked Rip Van Winkle to keep the barrel there and offered a drink. Rip Van Winkle drank several glasses and fell asleep.

6. When Rip Van Winkle woke up, he thought he had slept the whole night there and his wife at home must be worrying about him. He was in a very confused state.
7. Rip Van Winkle was not able to locate his house because the entire village had changed in the last twenty years.
8. The villagers called him crazy because they found it difficult to believe his story.
9. Rip Van Winkle was successful in meeting his daughter.
10. Rip Van Winkle would have led a normal life if he had not accepted the drink from the strangers.

My Grammar

1. If they had played well, they would not have lost the match.
2. If she had studied well, she would not have failed in the examination.
3. If she had not been caught in the traffic jam, she would have attended the interview.
4. If I had started early, I would not have missed the bus.
5. If he had reached in time, he would have attended the meeting.

I Write Like This

Refer to Answer 10.

10 Mountaineering

What have I understood ?

True or False

1. True 2. True 3. False 4. False 5. True

Questions and Answers

1. Mountaineering is the sport of reaching or attempting to reach high points in mountainous regions. This is done mainly for the pleasure of the climber. Mountaineering is also called mountain climbing.
2. In mountaineering there are no human opponents. A mountaineer has the nature as his/her opponent.
3. The surface of the mountains is not even. Sometimes it is rough and rocky and sometimes it is a grassy land. Some mountains are very steep and some are flat.
4. Each member helps the other members in climbing, crawling and trekking. If a member falls ill, other members try helping him in getting well or send him back. At each stage of climbing the members help each other.
5. A mountaineer has to be strong and has to have a lot of stamina to climb. He should be courageous, skilful and extremely patient.
6. People climb mountains because it not only gives them the pleasure of 'conquest' of a peak but also the physical and spiritual satisfaction.

My Grammar

1. It is difficult for me to solve this problem.
2. It is easy for him to reach the top of the mountain.
3. It is difficult for her to pass the final exam.
4. It is easy for them to score 50 runs in the match.
5. It is difficult for me to cover my books.

I Write Like This

I like the game of cricket very much. Two teams usually play in the sport. Each team consists of eleven members. It is played either during the day or the night time under floodlights. But it is generally played during the daytime. It is played on a big ground. The rules of the sport are that each team should bowl the other team out two times. Only 90 overs are bowled per day. It goes on for five days. Whichever team scores more number of runs in both the innings and bowls the other team out for a lesser score, will be the winner. One needs a lot of stamina to play the game of cricket.

11 The Mountain and the Squirrel

What have I understood ?

Questions and Answers

1. The mountain called the squirrel “Little prig”.
2. The squirrel is referred to ‘Bun’ in the poem.
3. The squirrel thinks that it is not a disgrace on the earth.
4. By ‘all sorts of things and weather’ the poet means all the

things in the world.

5. A mountain can carry a forest on its back but the squirrel cannot do.
6. A squirrel can crack a nut but the mountain cannot do.

Some New Words

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|----|----------|----------|-------|
| 2. | squirrel | quarrel | |
| | prig | big | |
| | year | sphere | |
| | weather | together | |
| | spry | deny | |
| | track | back | crack |

My Grammar

1. We are richer than they.
2. Your house is bigger than ours.
3. I am taller than my friend.
4. Ooty is cooler than Hyderabad.
5. The coffee is hotter than the tea.
6. Santro is costlier than Maruti.
7. Vineela is more beautiful than Sheela.

I Write Like This

Ramesh and Sudhir are my dearest friends. Of these two Ramesh is the taller. Ramesh is heavier than Sudhir. But Sudhir is not so fat as Ramesh. Ramesh is as dark in complexion as Sudhir is.

Ramesh has the habit of stealing things from others bags whereas Sudhir is as cunning as Ramesh. Ramesh likes playing shuttle and listening to music. Sudhir likes playing cricket and swimming.

12 Twin Cities

What have I understood ?

True or False

1. True 2. False 3. True 4. True 5. False

Questions and Answers

1. Sonu went to Hyderabad along with his parents during holidays.
2. Sonu stayed in a hotel.
3. Sonu showed the photographs to his friends.
4. Hyderabad and Secunderabad are called twin cities because they are next to each other.
5. Buddha's statue is in the middle of a lake. We can reach there by boat.
6. NTR gardens in Hyderabad has artificial waterfalls.
7. Sonu visited Hussainsagar lake, Lumbini park, NTR gardens, IMAX theatre, Sanjeevaiah park, Necklace road, Birla Mandir and Birla Planetarium.
8. Sonu enjoyed his trip to the twin cities. He said it was excellent.

My Grammar

Is there a train in the photograph ?

It is a mini train.
Is the boat very big ?
There are many places around it.
Is she beautiful ?
The children are climbing trees.
Is he doing his homework ?
They are watching the match.
Was she absent yesterday ?
They were dancing the whole night.

I Write Like This

Dear Uncle,

Namasthe ! I am fine here and studying well. How are Auntie and my dear cousin Bunty ?

Last week mom and dad and I went on a sight-seeing trip to Vizag. I had been longing to visit a sea for a longtime. So I suggested mom and dad that we should go to Vizag. We went to Ramakrishna beach almost every evening during our week's stay there. I built a number of houses with sand there on the sea-shore. I collected a number of shells also. During day times, we visited the port, Kailasagiri temple, Borra caves and Araku valley. I really felt thrilled when the train was moving through the caves. It was really beautiful and pleasant in the Araku valley as I visited it for the first time. I really enjoyed the trip very well and I cherish this trip forever.

Reply soon.

Yours lovingly,